

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

ACTION MINUTES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG's OFFICE.

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at the SCAG offices in downtown Los Angeles, California. There was a quorum.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William Alexander, CEHD Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor William Alexander, **Chair**
Councilmember Gary Bosworth
Supervisor Robert Buster
Mayor Cristina Cruz Madrid
Councilmember Betty DeSantis
Councilmember Bart Doyle
Councilmember Alta E. Duke, **Vice-chair**
Councilmember Susan Longville
Mayor Kathryn McCullough
Mayor John McTaggart
Councilmember Bedford Pinkard
Councilmember M. Jo Shields
Mayor Charles White

SANBAG Subregion
CVAG Subregion
County of Riverside
SGVCOG Subregion
Las Virgenes Malibu Conejo COG
City of Sierra Madre
City of La Palma
SANBAG Subregion
OCCOG Subregion
South Bay Cities COG
City of Oxnard
City of Brawley
WRCOG Subregion

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Councilmember Melanie Andrews	City of Compton
Mayor Ken Blackwood	City of Lomita
Mayor Robert Bruesch	City of Rosemead
Councilmember Jeff Comercheo	WRCOG Subregion
Mayor Pro Tem Mike Dispenza	City of Palmdale
Councilmember Josie Gonzales	SANBAG Subregion
Councilmember Wendy Greuel	City of Los Angeles
Councilmember Manuel Guillen	Gateway Cities COG
Councilmember Janice Hahn	City of Los Angeles
Mayor Ronald Loveridge	City of Riverside
Councilmember Shirley McCracken	OCCOG Subregion
Councilmember Efren J. Moreno, Jr.	San Gabriel Valley COG
Councilmember Alex Padilla	City of Los Angeles
Mayor Bev Perry	City of Brea
Councilmember Jan Perry	City of Los Angeles
Councilmember Marsha Ramos	Arroyo Verdugo Subregion
Councilmember Ed Reyes	City of Los Angeles
Councilmember Laura Richardson-Batts	City of Long Beach
Councilmember Deborah Robertson	SANBAG Subregion
Mayor Pro Tem Van T. Tran	OCCOG Subregion
Councilmember Bob Yousefian	City of Glendale

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Richard Dixon, Mayor of City of Lake Forest, gave comments on the policy implications of growth projections. He respectfully requested for the CEHD Committee to give direction for SCAG staff to bring back to the Committee at the next meeting in May.

Mr. Dixon also gave comments on the proposed SCAG policy on use of SCAG adopted growth forecast.

Mr. Miles Mitchell, Representative and Subregional Coordinator for the City of Los Angeles gave his comments on the policy implications of growth projections

The Chair thanked Mr. Dixon and Mr. Mitchell for their comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar item were MOVED (McCullough), SECONDED (McTaggart) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of March 6, 2003

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Policy Implications of Growth Projections

Ms. Huasha Liu, Manager of Planning Data and Forecasting at SCAG, gave a presentation on the evaluation of the four technical growth projections 1) Trend Projection, 2) Local Input Projection, 3) Technically Balanced Growth Projection, and 4) Trend/Local Input.

Ms. Liu discussed the implications and importance of the policy evaluation process in selecting a preferred technical growth projection to be evaluated along with the two growth visioning scenarios (PILUT Scenario 1 and PILUT Scenario 2) in order to formulate the 2004 RTP Preferred Alternative.

Ms. Liu informed the Committee of the next steps in the growth projection process: 1) Staff will continue further analyses; 2) Further discussion at the next Forecasting Technical Task Force meeting scheduled on April 18, 2003; and 3) Staff will bring back to the CEHD Committee in May as an action item.

An extensive discussion ensued with the Committee asking questions on the methodology used in the projections.

Councilmember Susan Longville of SANBAG Subregion, specifically requested SCAG Staff and the Forecasting Technical Task Force (FTTF) to add one additional version of Trend/Local Input Projection for the Phase I evaluation. The requested Trend/Local Input Projection is to take regional total from the Trend Projection with Local Input distribution and county level and below.

The Committee directed SCAG Staff and the FTTF to bring back the outcome of their further analyses at its May 1, 2003 meeting.

4.2 Update: Proposed SCAG Policy on use of SCAG Adopted Growth Forecast

Ms. Huasha Liu, Manager of Planning Data and Forecasting at SCAG, briefly discussed the details of the proposed policy regarding use of SCAG adopted growth forecast developed in consultation with SCAG legal counsel.

The proposed policy was presented to the Subregional Coordinators Group and the Forecasting Technical Task Force for review and comments. At both meetings, some concerns and issues were raised and staff agreed that the proposed SCAG policy would require some further legal research. Ms. Liu further explained that SCAG staff

will work on refining this item and will bring it back to the CEHD Committee at its May meeting.

4.3 AB 1158 (Lowenthal) General Plans: Housing Elements

Mr. Alfredo Gonzalez, Senior Government Affairs Officer at SCAG, discussed Assembly Bill 1158 (Lowenthal) General Plans – Housing Elements. Mr. Gonzalez informed the Committee that staff has transmitted a letter of support and will work toward the passage of AB 1158.

4.4 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Reimbursement Update

Mr. Alfredo Gonzalez, Senior Government Affairs Officer at SCAG, provided the Committee an update on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) reimbursement.

Mr. Gonzalez said that SCAG legislative staff is currently in discussions with Senate Housing and Community Development staff on funding the RHNA. The discussions relate specifically to developing and proposal that would include funding for the mandate in the 2003-2004 adopted budget.

As part of the advocacy strategy, SCAG staff recommends coordinating a one-day lobbying visit to Sacramento in April. The advocacy trip will be coordinated by SCAG staff and will be comprised of CEHD members.

4.5 Housing Element Compliance Report

Mr. Darryl Taylor, Associate Planner at SCAG, provided the Committee an update of SCAG's Housing Element Compliance and Building Permit Issuance Report. The current full report contains changes since the August 2002 report and is current through February of 2003.

4.6 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Update of Litigation

Attorney Colin Lennard, SCAG Legal Counsel, gave the Committee an update on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) litigation. Attorney Lennard informed the Committee that the Court issued the proposed decision on March 10, 2003. Copies of the proposed decision are available upon request. Attorney Lennard will report back to the Committee regarding any objections filed with the Court.

4.7 Growth Visioning/COMPASS Subcommittee Report

Mark Butala, SCAG Staff and Project Manager for the COMPASS Growth Visioning project, reported on the first regional COMPASS workshop held on Friday, March 28, 2003 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. It was attended by elected officials,

subregional staff, stakeholders, and interested citizens. There were 14 interesting visions developed by the participants for this region. More workshops are scheduled. The next workshop is scheduled on April 22, 2003, from 5:30p.m. – 9:30p.m. at UCLA.

5.0 THE CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reminded and encouraged the Committee to attend the 2003 General Assembly "Resolving Regional Challenges" scheduled on Thursday, May 1, 2003 from 12noon – 2:30p.m.

6.0 STAFF REPORT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Lynn Harris gave a brief report on the first staff-to-staff meeting with the California Housing and Community Development. The topics that were discussed included: 1) Putting together a tentative calendar based on the statute timelines for preparation of RHNA; 2) LAFCO policies in the SCAG region; 3) Housing element law changes since the last RHNA cycle; 4) Data needs for determining the allocation process, and 5) CEHD's invitation to Cathy Creswell, Deputy Manager of HCD to come address the group.

Mr. Jacob Lieb announced an upcoming workshop Home Grant Technical Assistance is scheduled on Wednesday, April 23, 2002 at the SCAG office.

7.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Susan Longville, Councilmember of SANBAG Subregion, asked the Committee to take a look at AB 980 by Salinas and requested SCAG staff to schedule AB 980 as a future agenda item.

8.0 CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Colin Lennard announced that Committee would go into Closed Session Pursuant to California Code Section § 54956.9(a) SCAG v. HCD & BT&H.

CEHD members Mayor Charles White and Supervisor Robert Buster were asked to leave the room because they are party to the lawsuit. Mayor White left under protest.

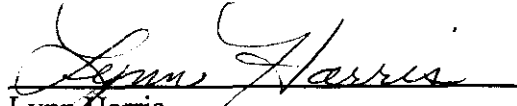
The motion was MOVED (McTaggart) and SECONDED (Longville) to adjourn at 12:08 p.m. to go into Closed Session.

The Committee returned from Closed Session at 12:19 p.m. Attorney Lennard announced no action had been taken in Closed Session.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m. The next CEHD meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2003.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynn Harris", written over a horizontal line.

Lynn Harris
Manager, Community Development